

# Children's Newspaper

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## BRITISH EXPEDITION IN JUNGLE QUEST

Seeking a lost Inca city in  
southern Peru

*The young explorer, Sebastian Snow, left England on April 3 for Callao, in Peru, 7000 miles away. He is leading an expedition into the jungles of southern Peru in search of the lost Inca city of Paititi.*

*His prospects are discussed here by John Brown, who accompanied the explorer two years ago on an expedition to trace the source of the Amazon.*

Snow made the first source-to-mouth voyage down the mighty Amazon in 1951-52. Before that he lived in Central Asia among wild tribesmen, and he had also made an Arctic sledge journey. On this new quest he will be accompanied by Julian Tennant, a young London business man, Jose Caramillo, a raft and canoe expert from northern Peru, who was on Snow's 1952 trip, and a Frenchman named Toullier, who is working as a coffee planter east of the Andes.

Other people may join the team in Peru, as Snow is now well-known in Latin America. For last summer he climbed Cotopaxi and Chimborazo, the highest peaks in the Ecuador Andes, in a brilliant three months mountaineering expedition.

### LOST TREASURE?

The lost city of Paititi, mentioned in many chronicles, had a fascination for Colonel Percy Fawcett, the famous British explorer who never returned from his last jungle expedition. Fawcett firmly believed that somewhere in the great jungles east of the Andes there was a city in which the vast treasures of the Incas might be preserved.

This treasure had been hidden from the Spanish conquerors by the Inca priests four centuries ago, following the execution of the Inca Emperor Atahualpa. A room full of gold bars had been paid to the *conquistadores*—worth at least six million dollars at today's values—and another ransom had been promised, when news came of the Inca's death.

### RISKS OF THE SIERRAS

These stories of lost Inca cities were often scoffed at in South America, but in 1912 a Yale University expedition discovered the city of Machu-Picchu, complete with temples, observatories, and irrigation system. This is now visited by hundreds of tourists every year. But no treasure was discovered.

The going in the Upper Apurimac region of southern Peru is very difficult. First of all there are the natural risks of the sierras. These include lack of transport, trouble in finding stores, the suspicion of the Indians, and the

non-co-operative attitude of certain planters, who are anxious to avoid publicity—for reasons best known to themselves.

Besides all this, there are the rainstorms in the foothills, the snakes, the damp heat, and the prevalence of a mysterious fever. In fact, the district has been given the sinister name of the "Valley of Ghosts."

When I was out there in 1951 I formed the impression that the Indians knew of the existence of many Inca relics, but pretended to be stupid. For they think that the ancient places are protected by spirits.

### A CHIEF'S VIEW

But one thing is definite. The chief of the Machaganga Indians of the Upper Apurimac, who has a Spanish name, Fidel Pereira, has stated that the ruins exist. He says they are near the Negantoni rapids and not far from the headwaters of the Picha river. There were stone images there, he said, and ancient drinking-cups, which from his description seemed to be in the Inca style.

Snow and his team should now be assembling in Lima, from whence they fly to Cuzco. From there the possibilities of an aerial survey will be considered.

In England this method of finding sites of Roman camps and towns has been successfully used where ground search has proved uneconomic. The typical Inca terracing and cultivation, with gravity irrigation channels, should be easy to pick up from aerial survey.

### MULE-TRAIN JOURNEY

The later stages of the journey will be by mule-train and canoe. From Cumaria there is a 200-mile run up the Urubamba river and then, somewhere east of the Pongo Dominique, where the river hurls itself through a rocky gorge, is the main objective.

There can be little doubt of the existence of Inca and pre-Inca ruins, though whether these will be of the importance of a city is a matter of conjecture. Under the great mats of vegetation on these hillsides, large towns could easily be buried and lie unseen for years.

White men had been near Machu-Picchu before 1912 with-



out realising that a city was there at all. As for the Indians, they might be induced to talk by a man like Snow, who makes no effort to win them over or impress them. He simply makes sketches of them, plays gramophone records, or takes photographs, and arouses the natural curiosity of the people he goes among, so that they become keen to teach him their language, and welcome him to their settlements.

Where other men halt on the edge of the hinterland and send out scouts, Snow plunges on, taking no precautions against discovery, anxious, in fact, to make contact, and supremely confident that he will be welcomed. Time and again when the prophets have forecast disaster for him he has emerged, and not alone, but with a retinue of cooks, porters, and laughing followers.

The BBC producers have been known to groan on several occasions when Snow, after a hazardous trip, has been asked to express his views. After his balsam raft trip on the Amazon he said: "It was rather dull, really. I don't know what all the fuss is about."

## Hostess greets the llama

Pat Walker of Streatham, one of the hostesses at the Children's Zoo in London, makes friends with Wendy the llama.

### BOY SILVERSMITH

St. Leonard's Church in the Warwickshire village of Birdingbury has a new chalice and paten designed and made by 16-year-old Grahame Heath.

Grahame has long been collecting antique silver, and on gaining entrance to Repton School he immediately took up silverware making. Encouraged by a master who was a skilled silversmith, he was soon learning the intricacies of the craft.

Hearing that the church of his childhood needed a new Communion set he set about the task. But before doing so he spent some time studying a variety of Communion vessels. The result is a fine chalice of 16 ounces, five and a quarter inches high.

### POCKET-SIZED NEST

A workman on a Colchester farm found some straw and twigs in the pocket of a jacket which he had hung up in an open-sided shed. At first he thought his mates had been playing a trick on him and emptied the pocket.

Then he noticed a small robin sitting watching him and realised that he had really disturbed the beginnings of a nest. Curious to observe what would happen, he fetched an old jacket and hung it on the same nail.

Immediately two robins took possession, built a very neat nest in the pocket, and the hen bird is now sitting proudly on five red-spotted eggs.

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## RICH LITTLE KUWAIT

CN Diplomatic Correspondent

THE recurring question of the Persian oil issue draws attention to the problems and adventures of another Middle Eastern country, the Sheikhdom of Kuwait, to which oil has only recently brought great riches.

The amazing development of Kuwait, an independent State (under British treaty-protection) at the head of the Persian Gulf, prompts the question: Can this newly-rich little country avoid the misfortunes which have beset some of her neighbours in the exploitation of oil?

Much that is happening in Kuwait suggests that this desert State may well give the world an object lesson in the wise use of sudden wealth.

Certainly that is the intention of her ruler, Sheikh Abdulla Salim, now in his middle fifties, a serious-minded, benevolent father to his people.

His personal income from oil at the present rate of production has been put at about £60,000,000 a year, with the likelihood of considerable increases.

### SIMPLE LIFE

But it is his firm purpose to use it for the good of the Kuwaiti people, and his own life is as simple as it was before the "black gold" transformed his country.

New schools, roads, new water supplies, electricity, and hospitals have been given to Kuwait, and under the guidance of the Sheikh ample money has been invested to ensure their proper maintenance even if the oil wells should run dry.

Doubtless Sheikh Abdulla recollects only too well the situation of his people before the first shipment of oil left Kuwait in 1946—the flow of riches began as recently as that. Before then, although not a

poor country by Middle Eastern standards, the community had to be frugal.

When the great wealth came, Sheikh Abdulla made contracts with European engineering firms to develop his country. Some of these arrangements are now under review. But it is certain that the Sheikh's future policy will be as thoughtfully planned as ever.

He has difficult problems of administration which never arose before. One such problem is the vastly increased population. In 1946 there were possibly 150,000 Kuwaiti people, including the nomad tribes of Bedouins.

### LAND OF OPPORTUNITY

Since then the lure of wealth has brought another 100,000 people to this land of opportunity, including large numbers from Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, and Iraq.

Administration of finance is probably the biggest problem, however, in a country where until so recently an annual Budget was almost superfluous.

Doubtless all these problems will be surmounted. Meanwhile, it is good to see the wisdom with which Kuwait is dealing alike with her good fortune and her difficulties.

## WAITING AT TOBRUK

On May 1, in Tobruk Harbour, the Queen goes for the first time on board her royal yacht Britannia.

Britannia, of 5769 gross tons, is 300 feet long. She has a speed of nearly 23 knots and a range of over 2000 miles, and she can refuel at sea if necessary. She is designed for both Arctic and tropical use, is small enough to enter most harbours, yet seaworthy for the longest voyage. Her geared steam turbine engines are similar to those in the cross-Channel ships Arnhem and Amsterdam.

She carries many safety devices, a bridge which is almost free from draught, fin stabilisers to reduce rolling, and four-bladed propellers

to eliminate vibration. The deck is strengthened to take a helicopter.

The royal apartments are aft. Bedrooms are on the shelter deck, which has a private veranda, while below, on the upper deck, are the state apartments, the dining room which can be used as a cinema, and the royal sitting rooms. Part of the deck is protected so that Prince Charles and Princess Anne can play there in safety.

A fine and handsome vessel, Britannia takes a worthy place in the long line of British royal yachts which goes back to King Charles II's yacht Mary, brought from Holland after the Restoration.



By the CN Press Gallery Correspondent

THIS is a busy year for our travelling M.P.s. Two important delegations will be abroad during the summer recess—one in Africa, the other in the Far East.

Normally these delegations do not present an official report to Parliament; they address their colleagues in party—or even all-party—meetings.

A useful example was set by the all-party group of six M.P.s under Mr. Walter Elliot, who visited Kenya last January and produced as a White Paper a useful and forward-looking account of events in that troubled colony.

BUT another type of official mission was revealed in a recent special report from the Select Committee on Estimates—an all-party committee which regularly examines Government spending, department by department, item by item.

The Committee want to complete an inquiry into the cost of buildings for the Foreign Office abroad, but they cannot sit as a full committee in a foreign State because "this would amount to a claim to exercise authority outside British territory."

They can, however, depute a smaller group of M.P.s to make inquiries abroad if the House of Commons agrees. The precedents are interesting, as set out in Erskine May, the M.P.s' "Bible."

Up to 1924 the power of a Select Committee to adjourn their sittings from place to place was generally limited to different parts of London. But in 1834 a Committee appointed a quorum to go into Essex to take the evidence of a witness who was unable to move from home. In 1928 a Committee was given power specially to sit in Glasgow.

Since the war visits of this kind have embraced West Africa and Austria. After the First World War members of a Select Committee—for the first time in parliamentary history—went abroad in groups to France and Belgium, Italy and Germany.

They went in an unofficial capacity in 1922 to make reports on the training and employment of

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## News from Everywhere

### 3500-MILE-LONG FENCE

A fence 3500 miles long is to be built to keep dingoes out of sheep-breeding country in Queensland. It is estimated that dingoes there kill 500,000 sheep every year.

Robert Bradshaw, 12, of Burton-in-Lonsdale, Yorkshire, has been awarded the Scout Gilt Cross for Gallantry. He rescued two young children who fell through ice on a pond.

### MILKY WAY

A fault in a dehydrated milk factory at Horsens, Denmark, caused milk powder to float up into the air. When it rained the powder dissolved and fell as milk.

A Bible auctioned for 7s. 6d. at Cocker-mouth, Cumberland, was found to be a rare edition published in 1628.

A Negro, Clem Noble, has just died at the age of 123 at Ballemey, Alabama.

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disabled ex-Servicemen. But the general rule is that the House "never seeks to perform an act in a place where its writ does not run."

DEBATES on finance always seem to produce metaphors. Mr. Gaitskell, a former Chancellor of the Exchequer, remarked recently that the metaphors used by Mr. Butler, the present Chancellor, strike him as rather odd.

Mr. Butler has since been able to chuckle about metaphors used by M.P.s in the debate on the Budget. One of them referred to "the frozen penguins of the Treasury."

Perhaps we shall hear more about them now that the Finance Bill has been published and our M.P.s are bracing themselves for the many debates on it.

BEEFY: A few weeks ago our correspondent stated that in 1953 the Irish Republic's exports of beef to this country were greater than those of the Argentine. Alas, he quoted figures for fresh, salted, and chilled beef only. Most of our imported beef is frozen, and comes to us chiefly from Australia and the Argentine, with the Irish Republic well down the list.

Dungeness, Kent, has a new church, once a pumping station of P L U T O, the pipeline which supplied fuel to France during the latter stages of the war.

### CAPITAL EXCHANGE

The Sadler's Wells Ballet will dance at the Paris Opera for two weeks in September, and at the same time the Paris Opera ballet will perform at Covent Garden.

A non-swimmer, nine-year-old Alan Bell, waded up to his armpits into the River Derwent at Cocker-mouth, Cumberland, to save his five-year-old sister who had been caught in a whirlpool.

Last year every person in Britain ate an average of  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. of chocolate and sweets a week—nearly three ounces more than in 1952.

Aberdeen's principal thoroughfare, Union Street, has a fine new lighting system. It consists of cold cathode fluorescent lanterns mounted on the walls of the buildings or on aluminium columns.

### FOUND

A rare golden bracelet of the Bronze Age near Haugesund, Norway; a tomb of the eighth century BC on the Palatine, Italy; and what are believed to be the skeletons of five Saxon warriors in a gravel pit at Beckford, Worcestershire.

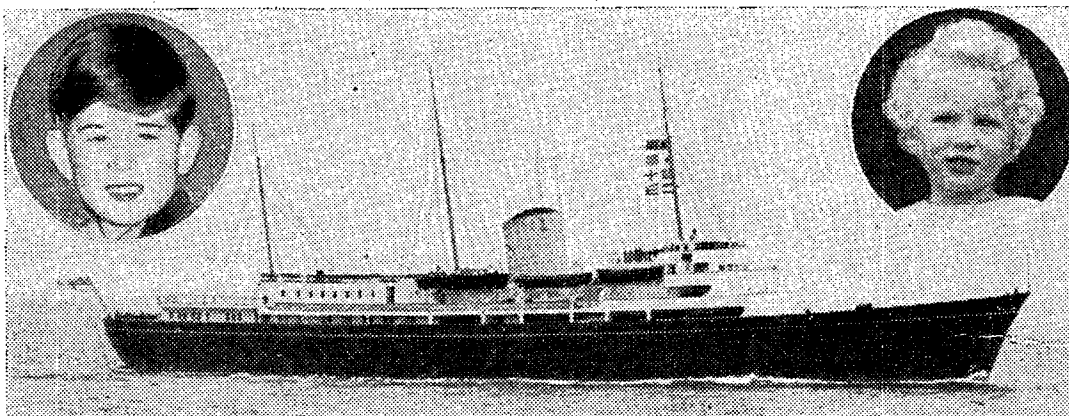
Fish with translucent portions in the tops of their heads and suffering from sunstroke have been discovered off the Bahamas.

Chief Scout Lord Rowallan will attend a rally of some 1500 Scouts in Perthshire next month at Monzie estate, near Crieff.

Latest figures show that since the 1951 census the population of England and Wales increased by 420,000 to 44,166,000.

A cat is bringing up three kittens in the hollow of a tree trunk 20 feet above the ground at Stondon, Bedfordshire.

Electronics experts at an international conference in Milan stated that it will soon be possible to transmit "live" television shows across the Atlantic.



The North African port of Tobruk will be the scene of a wonderful reunion on Saturday. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh are due to arrive there by plane from Entebbe and will join their children who have sailed from England in the new royal yacht Britannia.

## SPACESHIP TO THE MOON

Off to the moon in a spaceship—what an adventure that would be! Well here's a thrill you can have much sooner—a Newmark Crescent. Like all the best watches, this Newmark Crescent employs a 5-jewel balance to ensure lasting good time keeping—yet the price is only 77/-! If you've a birthday coming soon, why not drop a hint to dad?

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## SCHOOL JUBILEE FOR L C C

This Saturday, May 1, marks the 50th anniversary of the L C C's assuming responsibility for education in London. The occasion is to be celebrated at County Hall with a reception and an exhibition of photographs showing school life half a century ago compared with that of today.

A great deal has happened since control of London's schools was taken over from the old London School Board, and the achievements of the past 50 years are outlined in a handsome publication called *The London Education Service*, price 2s.

The great improvement in the condition of young Londoners could not be more startlingly marked than by three photographs in the book showing children at the same school taken in 1894, 1924, and 1953.

The first picture shows grim-looking boys in "chokers" (scarves instead of collars), and in the front row there is a set of naked toes showing through a

broken boot. They are not a happy-looking crowd, for not one has managed a smile for the photographer. The boys in the second, 1924, group look distinctly more cheerful; boots are sound, there are several smiles, but their jerseys seem too long and their jackets too short. The third picture shows a happy party of neat and far better dressed boys and girls, all with cheerful grins.

Pessimists may doubt whether the 1953 samples are as tough and resourceful as those glum, ragged, obviously ill-cared-for small boys of 1894. But pessimists have always said this kind of thing. One thing is certain; they are healthier nowadays, and far better educated to face the adventurous century into which they have been born.

How they are being prepared for this task is described, with many illustrations, in the book. Well may the L C C claim to have built one of the most complete education systems in the world.

## SIX PLOUGHSHARES INTO TWO CARS

There was no more surprised man in Edinburgh the other day than the business man who opened the boot of his car to find there six ploughshares and two large brushheads. Only a little less surprised was the seed salesman who, after travelling to Stirling and thence to Falkirk, opened his boot to find that six ploughshares and two large brushheads were missing.

It turned out that the two cars, of identical make and size, had been parked together, and so the mistake had occurred.

## BISHOP BOWLS FIRST BALL

The Bishop of Bath and Wells, Dr. Bradfield, is the new President of Somerset County Cricket Club. His first function was to open the Club's new indoor Cricket Club at Taunton. He bowled a guileful lob to Harold Gimblett, Somerset's opening bat.

## RETURN OF A CHARTER

The ancient 17th century charter granted by King James I to Almondbury Grammar School, near Huddersfield, had been thought for years to be lost.

Two years ago, however, a party of boys from the school were visiting the museum of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society at York, and noticed the charter in an exhibition arranged by the Society.

Negotiations between the Huddersfield Corporation, who are governors of the school, and the Archaeological Society ensued, and an agreement was reached for the historic document to return to the school on permanent loan, provided that it was suitably housed and made available for inspection.

Recently the Mayor of Huddersfield visited Almondbury Grammar School and handed the Charter to the headmaster. An old Almondburian has provided a handsome cabinet to house it.

## GLIDING HOLIDAYS FOR £15

The Yorkshire Gliding Club, at Sutton Bank in the North Riding, is now the fourth largest organisation of its kind in Britain. Once again the club is sponsoring a series of "gliding holidays" of a week's duration, during which a pupil can expect to learn to fly solo within five days.

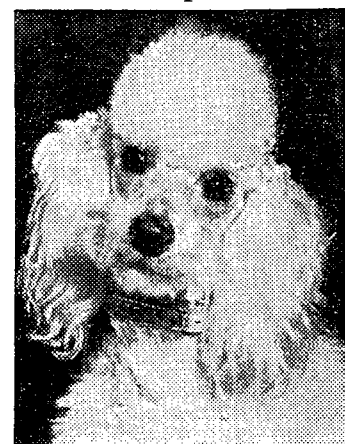
The all-in cost of one of these training courses combined with a holiday is only £15. A limit of ten students per course is imposed, so that adequate instruction on the ground and in the air are assured. Thirty candidates for the three courses in June and July have already enrolled.

## 1000 SPIDERS WANTED!

The famous York Castle Museum is having an ancient barn added to its realistic exhibits of bygone streets, shops, and dwellings. Reconstruction is almost complete but the Curator decided that an added touch of realism will be given to the old barn if some dust-laden cobwebs were installed.

He proposes to appeal shortly for a thousand spiders to be put in the barn, and if, as hoped, a fine display of webs results, the illusion of reality will be complete!

## Poodle portrait



This delightful portrait is of Tarrywood White Jade, a miniature poodle owned by Mrs. T. G. Randall of Wanstead, in London.

## UNDER THE STATUE

Weatherbeaten statues of Sir Robert Peel, Richard Cobden, and Joseph Brotherton have been taken down by the Salford Corporation for possible erection elsewhere in the City.

In the plinth of Cobden's statue workmen found a large sweet jar containing several newspapers, copies of annual reports of the Libraries, Parks and Museums Committees, a florin, a shilling, a sixpence, and a threepenny piece. All bore the date 1867, when the statue was erected.

## RADAR SETS TO BUILD AT HOME

An amazing new series of hobby kits which will enable American youngsters to make their own miniature cars, radios, and radar sets, will be on sale in the United States in a few months' time. One kit contains a "junior" version of the Link trainer—used to teach pilots to fly while on the ground.



## Fairytale China

Last month Sir Winston Churchill broadcast to the people of Denmark to mark the 149th anniversary of the birth of Hans Christian Andersen. In return he was sent four Royal Copenhagen China figures of characters in Hans Andersen's fairy tales. Our picture shows the Princess and the Swineherd.

## TO SCHOOL BY CAR

Mr. J. B. Frizell, Edinburgh's Director of Education, has been describing a recent tour he made of educational establishments in the United States.

He saw long lines of cars drawn up outside the American high schools. "At first," says Mr. Frizell, "I thought they belonged to the staff. But they didn't: they belonged to the pupils."

## WORDSWORTH WAS MARRIED HERE

The picturesque Norman church of Brompton, near Scarborough, is in danger of decay, and urgent repair work has started. This includes replacement of part of the steeple at a cost of £600, of which the small population has already raised £122.

It was in this old church in 1802 that William Wordsworth married Mary Hutchinson:

"A perfect woman, nobly planned,  
To warn, to comfort, and command;  
And yet a spirit still, and bright  
With something of angelic light."

Buried in the church is Sir George Cayley, Squire of Brompton and one of the pioneers of the Flying Age. In the early years of the last century, long before the Wright brothers were born, young George would walk the nearby moors thinking of how man could glide through the air.

Sir George never flew in the gliders which he later built. He insisted on his coachman going up!

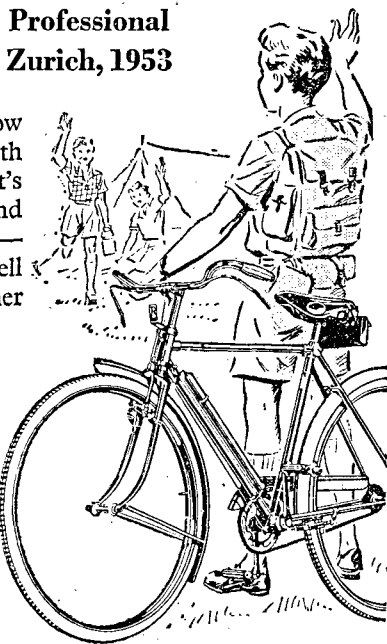
## WORLD'S SMALLEST JET ENGINE

The world's largest cargo plane, the Globemaster, is fitted with the world's smallest jet engine. It is a 50 h.p. gas turbine motor used to drive the generators which supply the aircraft's electric power. It weighs less than one hundred-weight.

## RUDGE the world beater

SID. PATTERSON relied on RUDGE  
to win the World's Professional  
Pursuit Championship at Zurich, 1953

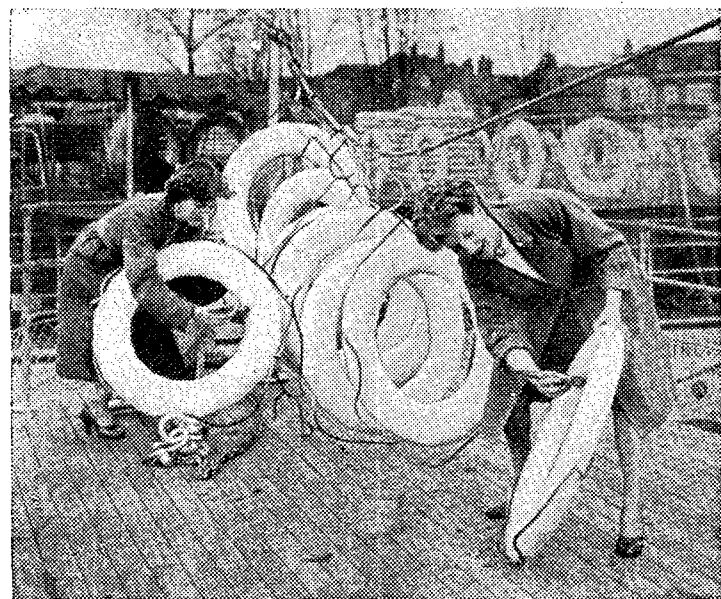
It's a mighty fine feeling to know that you and Sid. Patterson both choose a "world beater". That's what he calls the RUDGE! And you'll agree it is a world beater—every inch of it—in looks as well as performance! For no other cycle combines such superb easy-running and reliability with such design, quality and appearance. No wonder RUDGE has been known as Britain's Best Bicycle for over 80 years! It's made in the world's largest and most modern cycle plant too. So when you make the big decision, do as Sid. Patterson did: decide on RUDGE!



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## New coats for lifebelts

Pleasure launches on the River Thames look spick and span following much painting and polishing for the season just beginning. Even the lifebelts are not forgotten, and in this picture we see a number receiving a coat of paint at a launch-building works on the Thames.



## CAMERA CORNER

Continuing our series of articles by an expert to help young photographers to get better results.

### 5. Correct Exposure

A good print looks bright and shows lots of detail. However, a good print can best be made from a good negative, and this depends on the EXPOSURE or time the shutter is left open.

A negative is badly under-exposed if it is almost clear film. With slight under-exposure, dark objects are shown as lacking in detail.

A badly over-exposed negative is dense black. If over-exposure is slight, the light objects lack detail.

### CHANGES IN THE FILM

When light falls upon it, film undergoes a change which is invisible to the eye. This causes the silver bromide on the film surface to change into black silver when the film is placed in a developer solution. The silver is produced in the greatest quantity where the most light has struck the film and vice versa.

Because of this, we can record complex scenes as negative images composed of patches of silver.

Photographic paper is very similar and by placing the negative in contact with it and then exposing it to the light, a positive print is produced. The word negative is used to indicate that objects are seen in reverse to the ordinary way we see them. Thus, the film negative shows dark things as light patches and, of course, light ones as dark.

The exposure depends on four things:

(1) AVAILABLE LIGHT. This is greatest outdoors at mid-day, when the Sun is nearest overhead, and it is brighter at this time the nearer one moves towards the Equator. The quantity of light will be less if the sky is cloudy, or you are photographing in the shade.

(2) THE SUBJECT. The darker anything is, the smaller is the amount of light reflected from it. This means that a dark subject needs a longer exposure if the detail is to show up. If the exposure is too short, it will be recorded as a plain black area on the print.

(3) THE LENS APERTURE. If the lens aperture is large, it will let through more light in the same time than if it were small. You will remember that the aperture is controlled by the diaphragm.

(4) THE FILM SPEED. I have already told you how some films record scenes faster than others. The faster the film, the shorter the exposure will need to be.

There is only one shutter speed on a box camera and this is about 1/25th of a second. However, if you have a more advanced camera, you will want to know how to calculate the correct exposure for any subject. This can be done by using exposure tables which can be bought at any photographic shop.

W. S. S.

## It happened this week

### SCOTTISH OFFER TO KING

APRIL 26, 1646. OXFORD.—At King Charles's Royalist headquarters today it is reported that the Scottish insurgents have invited His Majesty to place himself under the protection of their armies.

But as a condition they have insisted that he will help them to establish the Presbyterian form of worship in England.

Although the King has refused to promise this, he has declared his willingness "to be instructed in Presbyterian government."

The intermediary between the Scottish forces and the King was a young French diplomat, Jean de Montreuil, who is Cardinal Mazarin's agent in England.

Cardinal Mazarin, the astute Italian who now in effect governs France, is anxious to promote any agreement which might end the Civil War in England.

(After days of parleying King Charles left Oxford in disguise and joined the Scottish forces at Newark on May 5.)

### RECORD RIDE

APRIL 29, 1745. STILTON.—Mr. Cowper Thornhill, landlord of the Bell Inn in this Huntingdonshire town, claims today to have established a record for a single day's horse-riding.

He had wagered 500 guineas that he could ride from Stilton to London and back, and then to London again—a total journey of 226 miles—in 15 hours. He accomplished the feat yesterday in 12 hours 17 minutes.

Mr. Thornhill left Stilton at four o'clock in the morning and arrived at the Queen's Arms, Shoreditch, at 7.52 a.m.

He accomplished the return ride to Stilton in 4 hours 12 minutes, and then rode back to London in just one minute more—4 hours 13 minutes.

Thousands of pounds had been wagered on the ride by sportsmen, and along miles of the route the roads were lined with spectators.

### DEATH OF JOHN DRYDEN

MAY 1, 1700. LONDON.—Mr. John Dryden, famous poet, satirist, and dramatist, died today at his London house in Gerrard Street. This had been his home for the last 14 years and it was here that he wrote his famous Ode to St. Cecilia.

Mr. Dryden, who was 68, had for the last two months been confined to his home suffering from gout. Mr. Hobbs, the well-known surgeon, had suggested an amputation of one of his toes, but the poet refused to submit to an operation.

He is to be buried in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey, by the side of Chaucer and Cowley.

When a young man Mr. Dryden supported the Cromwellian cause in the Civil War, but later he welcomed the Restoration of the Stuarts, and was granted a pension of £100 by Charles II. Many people are of the opinion that John Dryden was the greatest poet of his age.

ON THE AIR—by Ernest Thomson, our Radio and TV Correspondent

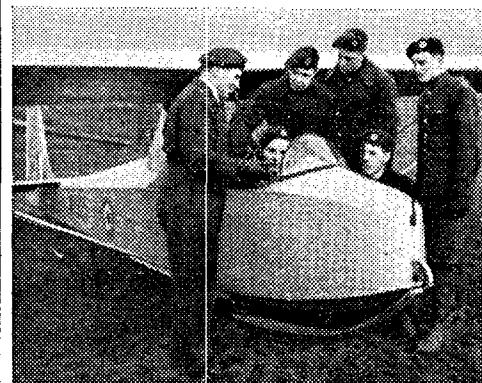
## ON SILENT WINGS

### TV cameras visit gliding school

GLIDING, which some people call yachting in the air, promises a fine subject for Children's TV on Friday. The mobile cameras will be set up at the R.A.F. Station at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham, to show boys of the Air Training Corps being taught to fly gliders.

If all goes well, Cadet Sergeant Benton will be seen making his first solo flight. A proficiency certificate as a glider pilot will be a big help to him if he joins the R.A.F. for his National Service. Many pilots of today gained their first air experience at one or other of the 44 gliding schools in different parts of the country.

Barrie Edgar, who flew a great deal during the war, will go up in a glider and tell viewers by radio what it feels like. Another commentator, Peter Cairns, will describe the complicated equipment for getting the glider soaring into the air.



The Station commander instructs ATC cadets

### TV needs more space

LIKE a certain old woman who lived in a shoe, the BBC will soon have so many TV cameras it won't know what to do. Recently 33 new cameras were ordered—each costing between £4000 and £5000—and the problem now is to find studios in which to operate them.

"We are hoping to discover some unused film studios," a BBC engineering chief told me. "If we are unlucky, it may be necessary to convert ordinary office buildings or warehouses."

Sixteen of the cameras will use the latest supersensitive image orthicon pick-up tubes. One firm is supplying 62 monitors, resembling miniature TV sets, for showing producers and others the picture as it goes out on the air.

The new equipment is necessary because of the increase in programme hours. Now that evening programmes start at 7.30, the shortage of studio space is becoming acute.

### Preparing a liner

SOUND radio and TV will join forces this weekend for a trip to Southampton Docks to discover how the liner Carnarvon Castle is prepared for her voyage to South Africa.

The story will be told in Saturday Excursion in Children's Hour and once again in Children's Newsreel in TV the following afternoon. Listeners on Saturday will also hear how this interesting item is brought to the TV screen.

### Ocean voyage at home

TO reach the Pacific by way of the British Museum suggests a roundabout journey, but it will be attempted in Children's TV on Thursday.

Adrian Digby, well-known personality in Animal, Vegetable, Mineral? will face the outside broadcast cameras during a TV visit to the Museum for a programme, Sailing Across the Pacific. He will show models of canoes used by South Sea Islanders on their ocean-going journeys.

### Universities make music

UNIVERSITY students are great music-makers, and in Music for Fun, a new weekly Light Programme series starting on Thursday, students of English, Welsh, and Scottish Universities will supply "joyful noises" in many forms.

Thursday's main contribution is from London, with singing by University College Madrigal Society, followed by a session with the College Jazz Club. Listeners will then hear an orchestral rehearsal by medical students of three London hospitals—St. Mary's, Bart's, and Guy's. Laurie Bloom, a young student from Reading University, will tell how he spends his holidays singing with British and French dance bands.

Other Universities in the series will be Edinburgh, Manchester, Oxford, Cardiff, Birmingham, Cambridge, and Bristol.

### Cricket again

CRICKET broadcasts begin again on Saturday. Brian Johnston will be giving Light Programme commentaries throughout the day on the first match of the season at Lord's—the M.C.C. v. Yorkshire.

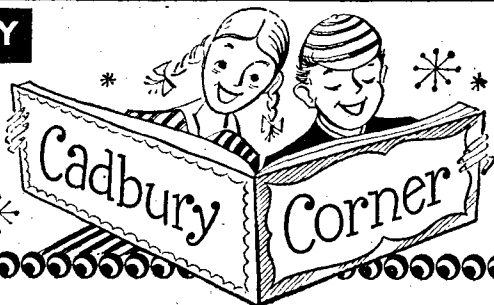
Just before 6 p.m. listeners will be switched from Lord's to Twickenham to hear Rex Alston describing the Middlesex County Seven-a-side Rugby competition.

### Double portrait



Lord Beveridge poses beside a bust of himself which he has given to Balliol College, Oxford, where he studied.

MAY



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★ WATCH OUT next month for Cadbury Corner. There's something wonderful in the air!



This competition is open only to children under 16 living in Great Britain or Northern Ireland



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On the  
Royal Route

## UGANDA, THE PEARL OF AFRICA

ON April 28 the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, now homeward bound, will arrive by air at Entebbe for a three-day stay in the Uganda Protectorate.

It is a truly momentous occasion, for never before has this equatorial land, known as the Pearl of Africa, welcomed the reigning sovereign.

Uganda is as rich in promise as in beauty. It has been declared by Britain to be essentially an "African State," and Uganda's natives (among the whole continent's finest) are assured of steady steps towards self-government. Its ever-active Governor, Sir Andrew Cohen, has declared: We will set a pattern of African development which will become a model for many less fortunate territories.

The hum of new mines and in-

dustries swells, although Uganda remains essentially agricultural, with cotton the rich mainstay, and its copious coffee production a strong support.

As they leave Entebbe airport the Royal visitors will see, not the dusty khaki-coloured landscape usually associated with Africa, but vividly flowering trees and green lawns running down to the beach of the lake. For this is a green

## FACTS ABOUT UGANDA

Administration of the Protectorate is in the hands of the Governor assisted by an Executive Council. Laws are made with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council of 28 representatives and 28 Government members.

Africans are being given increasing responsibility. Public services are being transferred to them, and they are being trained for the higher posts in the Civil Service.

A scheme has been approved for spending £10,000,000 on educational expansion.

Uganda's cotton exports total some £30,000,000 annually; her coffee exports amount to £12,000,000. She also exports hides, groundnuts, sugar, and tea.

Kampala is the chief commercial town with a population of nearly 40,000. From it radiate Uganda's 11,000 miles of roads and the 879-mile railway to Jinja, Nairobi, and across the frontier of Kenya to Mombasa. There are 1400 miles of waterway served by steamer and launch.

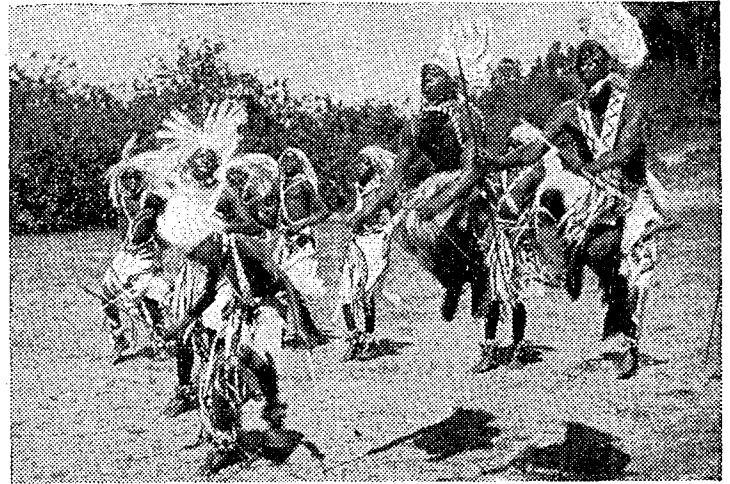
Football is Uganda's national sport, and pitches are to be found even in the most remote regions.

land, dotted with lakes and abounding with wild life. Though hundreds of miles from the ocean, it has a long coastline on Lake Victoria. Its land area is roughly similar to that of England and Scotland; its population is nearly 5,250,000.

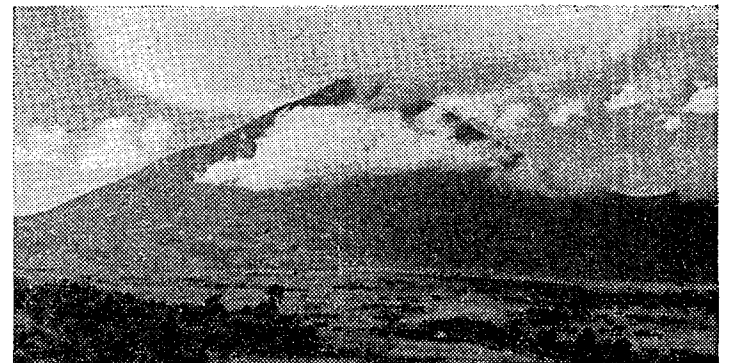
While in tree-shaded Entebbe, the picturesque capital and the "aerial Charing Cross of East Africa," the Royal visitors will stay at Government House, which stands on a hill surrounded by green lawns and has magnificent views of the lake.

Here, as dusk falls on April 28, Uganda's finest tribal dancers, the Acholi from the once slave-ridden north, will sway and stamp to the drumbeats of the stirring Bwola dance, performed only for royalty. Another great spectacle will doubtless be the warrior dance, the Otolé, in which many women join, hurling axes into the ground.

But in general the Uganda African of 1954, great-grandchild of a spear-throwing warrior, rides a bicycle or drives a car. (Africans in Uganda own 250,000 cycles and 12,000 cars.) He is likely to belong to one of the 584 co-operative societies. He may be a cultivator of coffee, of which Uganda is the biggest producer in the Commonwealth; or he may grow cotton.



Tribal dancers of the Western Province



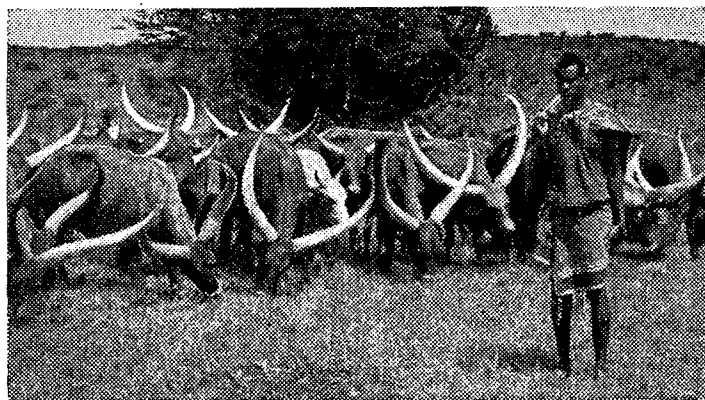
Mount Muhabura, an extinct volcano in the Western Province



Government House at Entebbe



The Uganda mail train linking Kampala and Mombasa



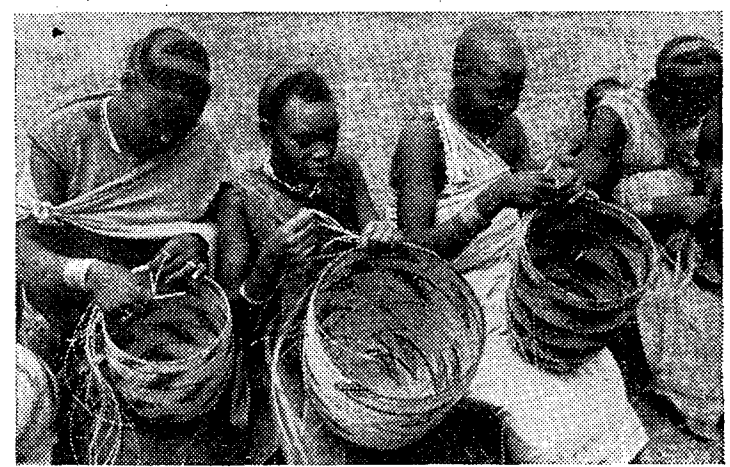
A herdsman with his Ankole cattle



A canoe regatta on Lake Victoria



Picking cotton



Basket makers of Bakiga, Western Province

ON the morning of April 29 the Queen and the Duke will hold a reception at Government House. Later the Royal party will fly to Jinja. In the afternoon they will go to Owen Falls, where the Queen will press a button to open the sluices of the dam, and thus start the great hydro-electric scheme which we describe on page 7.

WHILE the Royal pair are in Uganda, it is expected that chiefs and their followers, assembled from far and wide, will pay homage to Queen Elizabeth II, among them the lordly Batusi, often seven feet tall, in long white togas; the Bakenyi, water-nomads with huts on floating islands; simple Karamojong cotton-growers; and squat, primitive Baamba from the mountains.

With their visit confined to three days, the Royal pair must necessarily forgo seeing many of Uganda's most striking regions and developments: the pioneer cement plant at Tororo, in the east; the

cotton factories being increasingly taken over by native co-operatives; the busy fishing steamers on Lake Victoria; new plants for manufacturing paper, glass, pottery, tiles, steel, and textiles.

But they will see, after a short flight westward on April 30, the magnificent game reserve established and named after her Majesty two years ago, near the Belgian Congo border. In the 700 square miles of the Queen Elizabeth National Park they will see buffalo grazing in their hundreds, elephants browsing among the bushes, hippos basking and wading in the pools and lakes, antelope wheeling timidly as visitors approach . . . lions, leopards, monkeys, bush-pigs.

AFTER a fascinating day in this vast open-air zoo, the Queen and the Duke will return to Entebbe and later, bidding farewell to a land of great promise, they will leave by air for Tobruk, where their two children will await them in the Royal yacht.



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## EACH NATION'S BEST

DR. GILBERT MURRAY recently suggested that nations might have a better mutual understanding if, instead of reading the current news, they read each other's classics—the best literature of each country.

Good feeling might be brought about, says Dr. Murray, if we thought of "France in the light of Pascal, Molière, Voltaire, and Victor Hugo; Germany in the light of Goethe and Kant . . . and Italy in the light of Dante and Mazzini, instead of thinking always of the crimes of the recent past or the frets and controversies of the noisy present."

WHAT are called by the lofty name of "classics" are really only those works which, under the test of time, have been shown to uphold what is permanently valuable as against what is merely fashionable.

Those who realise this are said to have high standards as "against the general easy level that suits the common man, or the fashionable piquancy beloved by the professional critic." Let them not despair, is Dr. Murray's advice. They have always been in the minority.

To understand and benefit by the best in art and literature needs study, effort, and appreciation. Let us remember that nobody can really have something worth while for nothing.

WHATEVER the skill of any country be in sciences, it is from excellence in polite learning alone that it must expect a character from prosperity.

Oliver Goldsmith



## Under the Editor's Table

PETER PUCK  
WANTS TO  
KNOW

If houseboats  
should be  
shipshape

Inexperienced workers cannot do the same work as experienced ones, says a farmer. They are often trying.

Many women decorate their own homes. Often by merely looking attractive.

## A MAN'S JOB

THE Archbishop of Canterbury is asking the schoolboys of Britain to think about doing a man's job when they grow up. And the man's job is the parson's job.

The Church needs 600 new men each year. At the moment there are only 320 in training.

The parson's job needs men of the highest character and ability. Every year hundreds of applicants are refused because the Church has decided, quite rightly, to take only the best.

This country owes much to the generations of devoted men who have served in the parishes of our land and that tradition of service is one that must not be allowed to wither.

There is little financial reward in the parson's job, but there is the satisfaction of a life given to the highest and best we know. The Archbishop's call is one to which every boy thinking of his future should pay attention.

## Shrieking shoes

FROM Paris comes the idea of shoes with a "voice" fitted in the toecap. When the wearer's toes are trodden on the "voice" gives a piercing shriek that is calculated to make the most thick-skinned blush for shame at his clumsiness.

All who are in the habit of treading on other people's toes will have to watch their step.

## Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper,  
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COYOTES, the prairie wolves of northern Canada, are becoming such a pest that strenuous efforts are being made to thin out the animals and drive them back from the haunts of men.

A hunter from St. Paul, Minnesota, is going into the wilds of northern Ontario to fight the wolves, and he has equipped himself with a strange suit of armour, consisting of a cowhide garment fastened with metal clasps and studded all over with nails, their points directed outward. More than a thousand sharp nails have been used.

The hunter's face is protected by a metal mask such as fencers wear, and armed with an axe and a dagger, he will go into the haunts of the wolves.

# The Editor's Table

## Full marks at last

AN amusing anecdote about a boy's school report is told in The Boys' Brigade Gazette.

Father read the report: English—poor; maths—weak; History—poor; Geography—weak; Writing—careless.

"This is bad, my son," he said. "Don't stop, Dad," said Billy, "it gets much better further down."

And the boy was right, for the last entry read: Health—excellent.

## Village signs—18



The sign in this Suffolk village depicts St. Felix, a Christian missionary who came from Burgundy to this part of East Anglia some 13 centuries ago. Flixton is a corruption of St. Felix's Town.

## Park behaviour

STOCKHOLM is a well-behaved city. This is pointed out by Mr. C. S. Chapman writing in Rucksack, the Y.H.A. magazine.

"There are no notices saying 'Keep off the grass,'" he writes, "and no foot-rails to keep the walker on the path. There are no young hooligans to tear down the branches of the trees or root them up when first planted. No one steals the fruit or tears up the bedding plants. No one carves his name on the public seats."

Our Swedish friends have every reason to be proud of their park behaviour and we do not doubt that, in a few years' time, the children of British cities will be proud of theirs, too.

## Think on These Things

THE prophet Amos was a shepherd. He watched the stars, and in observing nature discovered God's great power and wisdom.

Saddened by the wrongdoing of his countrymen, and the oppression of the weak and poor around him, he exhorted them to turn to God for guidance. "Seek him that maketh the seven stars and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning." (Chapter 5 of Amos.)

Judgment follows neglect of the friendship of God. Amos urged his people to seek good, and not evil, so that they could be at peace with Him. F. P.

## MAY DAY

ALL the many variations of May Day customs and revels—the special games, Maypole dancing, floral processions, crowning the May Queen—still to be observed here and there during May, are relics of ancient festivals, some dating to times long before the Romans came to Britain. It was, however, the Roman occupation of our country that was responsible for many of these activities, and even today we may trace remnants of their ancient May Games, called Floralia, as we watch the gay processions of young folk decked with bright ribbons and flowers.

Maypole dancing is not altogether out of fashion. Here and there, as at Clifton and Wellow in Nottinghamshire, and in villages of the Yorkshire dales and elsewhere, they still retain their village greens with Maypoles complete, and on the appropriate day girls dressed in white may be seen dancing on the green and weaving gay ribbons round the coloured pole. And a charming scene it is, reminding of old Merrie England. A. S.

## Showmen show how

DURING its four years of existence the Variety Club of Great Britain has presented nearly £85,000 to assist the working of youth clubs.

The Variety Club is a group of showmen who want to help under-privileged children and they recently gave £125 towards sending the London Federation boxers to New York in May. They also gave £1085 to help five London youth clubs.

When recently Clubland, the youth centre in Camberwell, London, was wrecked by young hooligans it was the charitable showmen who presented the youth leader, the Revd. James Butterworth, with a cheque to repair the damage. Other clubs have also been saved from extinction by the group.

The Variety Club has well earned the title of the "Patron Saint of Youth Clubs" bestowed on them by the Federation of Boys' Clubs.

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## THEY SAY . . .

I ENDEAVOUR to allow my thoughts to play in retrospect as well as in prospect over all my acts. Sir Winston Churchill

I TYPED it all on two fingers. Mr. Clement Attlee, on his recently published autobiography

Go for your sport hard and go to win. If you do these two things and be a good sportsman as well, you are sure to put Britain on top again.

Gordon Pirie, to young athletes

THE only standard of living we shall get is the one earned in a very competitive world by our skill, ingenuity, and hard work. Mr. Heathcoat-Amory, Minister of State

## Out and About

THERE is a loud crackling under the blue billows of smoke; darting tongues of orange flame and spluttering sparks mark the progress of a heath fire as it eats up the heather, gorse, and bramble.

It does more than that. Numberless larks' nests, and probably some belonging to meadow pipits and partridges, not to mention the bees, shrews, mice, and other creatures overtaken by the smoke and heat—all these help to swell the total amount of destruction that a heath fire can cause.

In Spring many heath and common fires in various parts of the country are deliberately started by farmers.

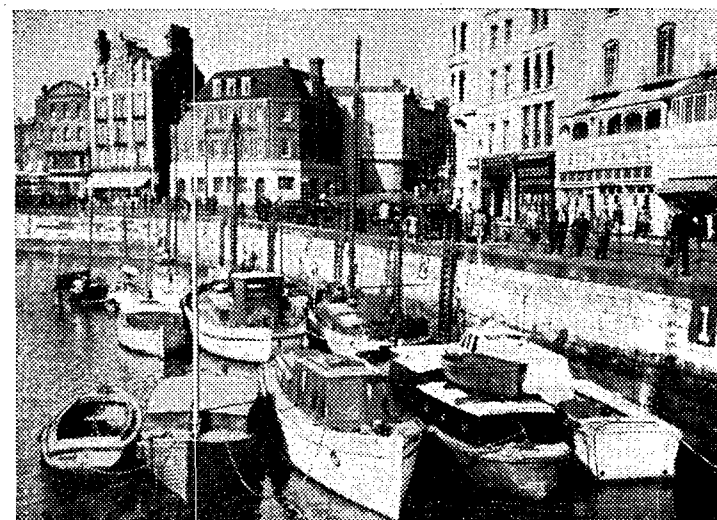
They do this at intervals of about seven years, the idea being to clear the ground and prepare it in rotation for cultivating. But the method is crude and wasteful, and makes the soil poorer, even if it saves labour.

The destruction is even worse in a hot and dry spell in mid-summer, when the fire is nearly always caused by sheer carelessness: somebody has thrown away a lighted match or cigarette-end, or left a piece of broken glass lying about to act as a lens or "burning-glass."

C. D. D.

## JUST AN IDEA

As Lord Dewar wrote: It is only the people with push who have a pull.



OUR HOMELAND

In the sheltered harbour at Ramsgate



# BALLOONISTS OF THE JET AGE

By our Flying Correspondent

For 25 young men at present qualifying for their "wings" in the United States, the hands of the Aeronautical Clock have been turned back to a mode of flying which began in Europe more than 150 years ago.

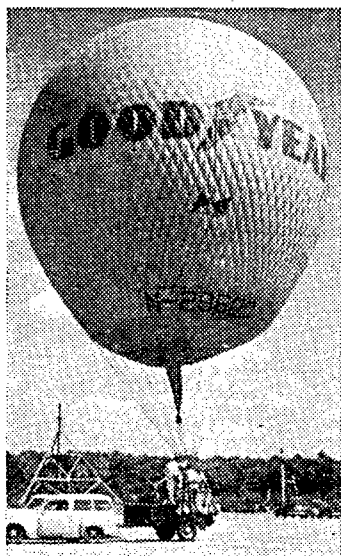
For them the instrument-crammed "office" of the modern jet plane is replaced by an open basket, and the power of jet engines has given way to the more gentle thrust supplied by the wind.

These students are members of a lighter-than-air training class

launched at Annonay, France, in 1783.

A balloon rides with the wind and its pilot cannot control the direction of his flight. He can only drop ballast when he wants to rise, and release gas when he wants to descend. He flies with his eyes on the weather and attempts to manoeuvre, with minimum loss of ballast, to altitudes where wind direction and velocity are most favourable.

When the pilot wishes to fly at a more or less constant low level,



Towing one of the balloons to its take-off point



Removing sand bags until balloon is capable of lifting crew

being run by the Goodyear Aircraft Corporation to provide pilots required by the firm's rapidly expanding airship programme.

These airships, which are being used in considerable numbers by the U.S. Navy for submarine spotting in coastal areas, would be manoeuvred in the same manner as a free balloon in the event of a complete engine failure. Ballast would be thrown overboard to gain altitude, and gas valved off to permit descent. As a safety measure, therefore, it was considered essential that airship pilots should be qualified to handle free-flight balloons.

Basically, the balloon is an extremely simple craft and is, in fact, man's oldest flying machine. The first hot air balloon, a mere linen bag without basket, was built by the Montgolfier brothers and

he uses the drag rope, perhaps 500 feet of heavy manilla, which is carried in the basket.

The rope drags on the ground, and as the balloon descends it has less weight to carry and so tends to move upwards. Then, as it ascends, it has to lift more rope and so descends again.

The students at Goodyear have to complete ten hours in free balloons before being permitted to handle non-rigid airship controls. Their training is in expert hands, for the firm has been producing airships since 1911 and balloons since 1912.

These trainee pilots may forgo the exhilarating experience of shooting upwards at 10,000 feet per minute, or crashing through the sound barrier, but there is still a lot to be said for ballooning—ask grandfather!

## PACIFIC CRUISE BY FLYING-BOAT

Remote islands in the Pacific will soon be revealing their beauty to tourists arriving by flying-boat.

The novel idea of cruising the Pacific on wings is that of one of the Commonwealth's most experienced airmen—Captain P. G. "Bill" Taylor—who recently took delivery in Britain of the Short Sandringham with which he intends to run his tours. A luxurious machine, originally intended as a BOAC "millionaire's special" for the New York-Bermuda service, it has five cabins, a lounge, and galley.

Captain Taylor will fly up to ten cruises a year over six different routes varying from 4000

to 10,000 miles, and visiting such places as the Fiji Islands, Samoa, and Tonga. He intends to carry up to 30 passengers on each trip.

A considerable part of these voyages will be spent some distance from regular shipping and airline routes, but the tourists will be in good hands—Captain Taylor has had more than 12,000 hours of flying experience as both a pilot and a navigator.

In 1934 he was navigator to the famous airman Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith in the single-engine Lockheed which flew from Sydney to New York; five years later he made the first crossing of the Indian Ocean.

# HARNESSING THE MIGHTY NILE

When the Queen presses a button at Owen Falls in Uganda on April 29, she will start the mightiest hydro-electric plant in Africa south of Egypt. She will also materialise a vision Sir Winston Churchill had 47 years ago.

When he visited this region and saw the infant Nile leaving Lake Victoria, plunging over the Falls, and pouring northwards through a steep wide gully inhabited by countless hippos and crocodiles, he realised that here was vast water power going to waste.

"What fun to make the immemorial Nile begin its journey by diving through a turbine!" he wrote afterwards. "It is possible that nowhere else in the world could so enormous a mass of water be held up by so little masonry."

## HIS PROPHECY

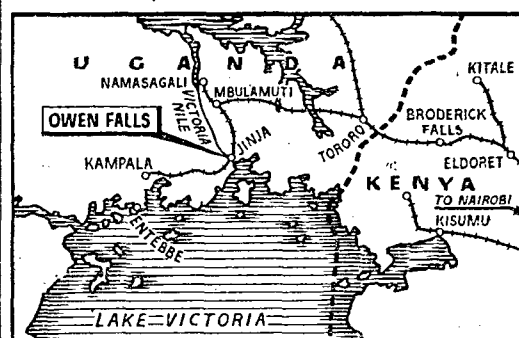
He foresaw that in years to come the shores of Lake Victoria could here be "crowned with long rows of comfortable tropical villas and imposing offices, and the gorge of the Nile crowded with factories and warehouses. There is power enough," he said, "to gin all the cotton and saw all the wood in Uganda."

He was indeed a prophet. A big textile plant is to be built at Jinja, the flourishing town nearby, and East Africa's first cement plant at Tororo will be among other industrial concerns to use the electricity generated by the £22,000,000 Owen Falls Hydro-Electric scheme.

This birthplace of the Nile was a secret until the last century, when an Englishman discovered it. Now a granite tablet there recording that "Speke found this source of the

Nile in 1862" will be submerged in the new dam, and the long-hidden origin of the river that cradled civilisation will be harnessed in the service of modern man.

The main dam of the new hydro-electric plant just below the Owen Falls blocks the river with a mass of concrete 1200 feet long and 85 feet high. Behind the Power House is an intake dam, 580 feet long. The turbines will drive British Thomson-Houston alternators, and each turbine will



develop 21,000 h.p. Through each unit, when it is working a full load, 1830 million gallons of water will race every 24 hours, which is more than twice the normal summer flow of the Thames at Teddington Weir! This titanic pressure of water will ultimately produce 150,000 kw. of electric power, most of which will be used in Uganda.

The damming of the Nile at its source has been, of course, of great interest to Egypt and the Sudan, whose agricultural life is largely dependent on irrigation and flooding from the river. But

the Owen Falls scheme is to benefit both countries. It will raise the level of Lake Victoria itself by three feet, and will thus provide for the northern lands a permanent reservoir of water which can be regulated in its flow. At the request of the Egyptian Government the dam was built one metre higher than was necessary for power purposes alone.

The building of this great dam, and the installation of its smooth-running machinery have been carried out by an international company formed by British, Danish, and Dutch firms. Among their problems was that of transporting hydro-electric machinery from England. Units of the equipment weighed up to 130 tons, and they had to be dismantled and packed in sections. The

nearest seaport to Owen Falls is Mombasa, over 800 miles away, and from there the machinery had to be transported by rail. There was considerable risk of damage to delicate electrical apparatus, but everything eventually arrived safe and sound.

Now all is ready for the Queen to open the sluices of the dam. The waters of the Nile, at the outset of their 3500-mile journey to the Mediterranean, have been put into a steel and concrete harness to create the electric power which promises great things for Uganda's future.

## CAPTAIN OF THE CHILDREN'S SHIP

Captain Stanton Page, whose home was in Weston-super-Mare, is now master of the John Williams VI, the Children's Ship of Goodwill which Princess Margaret named at Tower Pier six years ago.

Captain Page's little vessel of 400 tons, named after the Pacific pioneer missionary John Williams, has recently come off the slipway at Suva, in Fiji, where the barnacles of thousands of miles of voyaging in the Pacific had been removed.

On her latest voyage to lonely Gilbert and Ellice Islands she carried cement and special roofing for a new school on the island of Beru. Captain Page stored a load of timber on the deck to build a new whale boat for the islanders. Besides all this the ship carried 130 tons of fresh water and also three months' meat supply in her refrigerator.

### PASSENGERS' PICK-A-BACK

Captain Page is captain of a ship which is seldom able to come close in to the shores she visits. The jagged coral reefs and the swift currents compel him to anchor "off the reef." Sometimes the passengers have to be carried ashore "pick-a-back" from the whale boat which comes out to meet the ship.

One of the heavy bills the Captain has to meet in the running of his ship is oil at £22 a ton,

and on her latest voyage the bill was £2125. The children of the Congregational Sunday schools are paying it by their weekly collections.

It is a ten days' run between Suva and the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, the ship making about nine knots and the 300 h.p. engine 275 revolutions a minute.

Round the islands the ship takes on cargoes of boys and girls going to school at Rongorongo on Beru. Each pupil brings a sack of coconut, his chief diet, and one sack is enough, usually, to last him for six months. He also brings an alarm clock, which is one of the chief delights and possessions of a Gilbertese schoolchild.

### SEA-BIRD GUIDES

Captain Page often watches the sea-birds of the Pacific for information of his whereabouts. The white tern is a sure sign that land is about 40 miles away. The presence of a noddie tern also means that land is near, for this bird always goes home at night. The frigate bird flies high to see land and makes directly towards it.

In addition to his charts, Captain Page's trained eye knows when land is near by the colour of the clouds, and by the little counter swells on the surface of the sea.

Captain Page now makes his home in New Zealand, but his second home is the bridge of The Children's Ship of Goodwill.

## LEGEND GIVES WAY TO FACT

For many years a long green mound on Sir Frederick Handley-Page's estate at Stanmore, Middlesex, has borne a plaque stating that it was the traditional last resting-place of the Queen Boadicea.

Sir Frederick recently invited the Middlesex Archaeological Research Committee to explore the mound; and they have found it to be of comparatively recent date, probably less than 200 years old!

It was decided to remove the tablet.

## Newcomer to Paris



A new sight on the River Seine is this 180-ton pleasure cruiser the Parisian, capable of carrying 400 passengers.



## BIBLE SOCIETY'S 150th BIRTHDAY

This is the 150th year of the British and Foreign Bible Society's great work of sending the Scriptures in many languages to the four corners of the Earth. It is being celebrated in London from May 3 to 7, and about 120 delegates from the United Bible Societies in 30 countries are here for the occasion.

This week, from April 28 to May 1, they are taking part in a conference at Eastbourne, and on May 4 their leading members will be presented to the Queen Mother when she visits Bible House in London.

### CELEBRATION MEETINGS

On the morning of May 5 the Society's 150th annual meeting, in Westminster Central Hall, will be presided over by the Norwegian Bishop Berggrav, President of the United Bible Societies. He became famous as one of the pillars of resistance to the Nazis in Norway during the war, and was imprisoned by them in 1942. Another speaker at this morning meeting will be Professor C. H. Dodd, who is responsible for the new translation of the Scriptures into English.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will be the Chairman at the Jubilee Celebration to be held in the Central Hall on the evening of May 5. This historic assembly will be opened by four processions of overseas delegates to the platform, and speeches are to be made by representatives from Uganda, Japan, North America, Korea, France, and Pakistan.

### CHAPEL OF THREE FAITHS

Charles Hepp, a business man of Illinois, U.S.A., has built a special chapel in three sections for the use of his employees. The sections are for the use of Roman Catholics, Protestants, and Jews.

The chapel is used during working hours. Mr. Hepp decided to build the chapel after seeing an employee praying for a sick wife.

### Sporting Flashbacks

**BEARDED CUP WINNER**

WITH HIS VAST RED BEARD AND LONG WHITE TROUSERS,

**The Hon. A. F. KINNAIRD** (OF THE WANDERERS AND OLD ETONIANS) WAS PROBABLY THE MOST STRIKING FIGURE SEEN ON A SOCCER FIELD...

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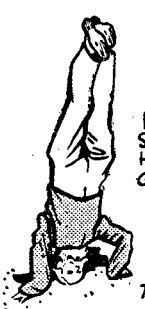
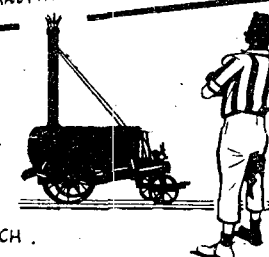
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## FOUR CONCERTS TO HONOUR DVORAK

May 1 is the 50th anniversary of the death of Dvorak, the famous Czech composer, who in his early days was too poor even to buy music paper for his compositions.

He is to be commemorated in Britain, where his music was always so well received, by four concerts at London's Royal Festival Hall. They will be given by the BBC Symphony Orchestra on May 12, 19, 26, and on June 2. The second will be conducted by the Czech musician, Rafael Kubelik, and the others by Sir Malcolm Sargent.

Antonin Dvorak is widely remembered for his moving work, Stabat Mater, for his New World Symphony, and his Slavonic dances—and every young pianist has tried to master his Humoresque Number Seven, which is among the most popular pieces ever written. Dvorak composed it when he was bubbling over with joy at the prospect of going home to Bohemia from America.

For he was a great Czech patriot, and his deep love of his native land and its folk music is expressed in all his works. His opera Rusalka, best-liked, perhaps, of all his creations by his fellow-countrymen, is to be performed at the Royal Festival Hall on May 19,

when the BBC Chorus will join the Orchestra.

Born near Prague in 1841, the son of a village innkeeper and butcher, Dvorak was playing in his father's band when he was eight. At 16 he went to the Organ School in Prague, but his family could not afford to support him there, and the student who was destined to take Europe, Britain, and America by storm, earned a precarious living by playing the viola at inns.

He began composing when he

### OIL STORY

A small free exhibition called The Story of Oil is on view until May 9 at the Science Museum, South Kensington.

Developed by Shell, the exhibition illustrates the history of petroleum from its origin in the marine life of ancient seas to its many uses today. The exhibits show how it is discovered and brought to the surface, and how transported by tanker and pipeline. Some of the more important refinery processes are also explained.

Films dealing with all aspects of the petroleum industry are also being shown in the Museum's lecture theatre.

was 18, but such was his modesty that for over ten years he kept his efforts a secret from all but his closest friends. It was not until he was 32 that he achieved his first outstanding success with his Hymnus, inspired by the patriotic poem, The Heirs of the White Mountain.

It was largely due to the influence of his friend Brahms, however, that his music became known outside Bohemia. Dvorak visited England eight times and was immensely popular, receiving the honorary degree of Doctor of Music from Cambridge University. In 1892 he became Director of the New York Conservatoire. His stay in America resulted in his composing the popular New World Symphony with its use of Negro melodies.

This summer, far greater audiences than he ever dreamed of will hear his music over the air.

He returned to his homeland in 1895 and became Director of the Prague Conservatoire in 1901.

Dying in 1904, he sleeps in the city he loved, and while all peoples rejoice in the music he has left to the world, his own folk will ever hear in it the soul of Czechoslovakia.

## GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

A blind woman some time ago travelled from Johannesburg to Leamington Spa to obtain a guide dog, which she took back to South Africa. As a result of the interest aroused by her action and by her dog, a South African Guide Dog Association for blind people has been started. This is recorded in the annual report of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association, which last year provided 89 sightless people with these wonderfully trained dogs.

The freedom these never-failing companions bring to those who live in darkness is illustrated by the story of a Yorkshire clergyman, whose four-footed guide leads him unerringly when he goes to preach in different parts of the country. The dog behaves beautifully in church, though he does have a tendency to sleep through the sermon.

### URGENT NEED

Another dog, Susie, who belongs to a farmer blinded in the First World War, takes him every day round his 50-acre farm. She takes him to the cornfield where he handles the growing grain to judge its ripeness and she helps him bring in the cows for milking.

In its Report the Association emphasises its gratitude to the Girl Guides, who raised nearly £2000 for this splendid cause as part of their Coronation tribute. But funds are still urgently needed, for there is a considerable list of blind people waiting for the dogs which can bring them independence.

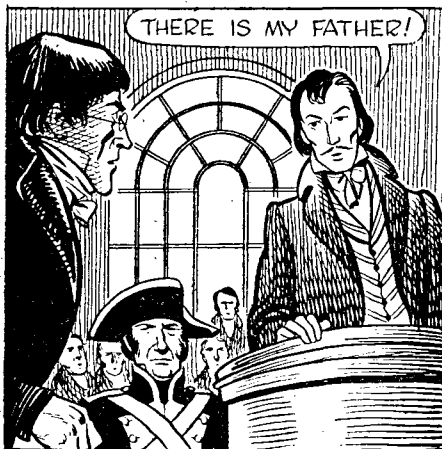
The Association's address is 81 Piccadilly, London, W.1.

### LONG WALK HOME

Last summer the Algar family of Ipswich took their ten-year-old black cat, Nigger, on a car trip to Sandringham, 80 miles from their home. While they were picnicking she escaped and after a long search was given up for lost.

Recently Nigger arrived back home—accompanied by a tabby kitten!

## THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO—Alexandre Dumas' famous story told in pictures (11)



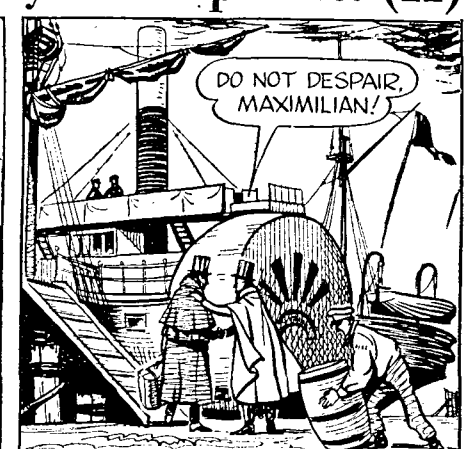
Grimly conscientious about his duties as Public Prosecutor, de Villefort left his wife to choose between poison or arrest, and went to the Court to prosecute the other murderer, Cavalcanti. The accused man created a tremendous sensation in court by declaring that his real name was de Villefort. He said he was the natural son of the Prosecutor, who had tried to kill him soon after he was born.



He said that as a baby, after his father believed him to be dead, he had been taken to the foundling hospital. He was adopted by a woman who had brought him up in Corsica. In the Court everyone was outraged at this seemingly impudent lie. But de Villefort realised that it was all true. "Gentlemen, I am in the hands of an avenging God!" he cried in a choking voice, and staggered to the door.



At his house he found that his wife had not only poisoned herself, but her young son as well. He rushed out and met Edmond, who was calling on de Villefort's old father. Monte Cristo revealed himself as the innocent man the Prosecutor had sent to the Chateau d'If, years before. De Villefort took him to where his wife and son were lying, then ran out into his garden laughing hysterically. He had become insane.



Saddened by these events Edmond left Paris with his friend Maximilian. This young man, grieving for his sweetheart, Valentine, had threatened suicide but had been told by Edmond to hope. For what, Maximilian could not understand. But he agreed to meet his mysterious rich friend at the Island of Monte Cristo on a certain day. Edmond left him at Marseilles and boarded a steamer for Italy.

Why should Maximilian hope after attending Valentine's funeral? See next week's instalment



The Children's Newspaper, May 1, 1954

# ACCORDING TO JENNINGS

By Anthony Buckeridge

When Jennings learns that Darbishire cannot swim he starts coaching him in the swimming bath, which is out of bounds as it is being repainted. Atkinson reports that Mr. Carter and Mr. Wilkins are approaching, and the three boys hide in a changing cubicle. Mr. Wilkins decides to look inside.

## 15. Queer slumberwear

MR. WILKINS raised his hand to throw open the cubicle door; another second and the three mournful crouchers would certainly have been discovered. But at the same moment, Mr. Carter's voice rang out warningly from somewhere near the diving board.

"Careful, Wilkins; that paint is still very wet," he said.

His colleague paused, looked hard at the glistening white panels, and slowly dropped his hand to his side. He walked back along the strip of coconut matting which bordered the bath, and shortly afterwards the two masters made their way out of the building, unaware that anything was amiss.

"Phew! I thought we'd had it that time," breathed Atkinson, struggling to free himself from the tightly packed scrimmage. "Why did you have to leave your glasses on the floor, Darbi? It nearly gave the show away."

## IN YOUR GARDEN

### 5. Salad Fare

LETTUCE is always wanted for salads, and there are some crisp, delicious varieties (such as Iceberg and Wonderful) which are rarely seen in the greengrocer's shop. Sow a few seeds every other week and thin out the seedlings to six or eight inches apart.

Fresh young radishes are also delightful in salads. Sow them thinly and give them a little protection from the scorching sun; between rows of peas or beans is a good place. Keep them well watered.

Mustard and Cress are best grown in pots or boxes. They do well on bulb fibre—and one filling will last for several sowings. Sow the cress four days before the mustard and then both should be ready for the table at the same time.

Corn-on-the-Cob, so popular with Americans, must be sown in the open before the middle of this month. The best varieties are Golden Cross Bantam, John Innes Hybrids, and Canada Cross. Sow the seed in groups of four or six and the groups three feet apart. Do not transplant. Pick the cobs for eating when the grains are thick and creamy.

"I forgot they were there. I thought I'd got them on," Darbishire explained.

"Surely you could have seen you weren't wearing them?"

"No, I couldn't. I can't see very well without my glasses, you see, and . . ."

The pointless argument was interrupted by a sudden wail of dismay, and the two debaters



The party were in low spirits

turned to find Jennings pointing at the wall with horrified eyes.

"Petrified paint-pots, look what I've done!" he moaned feebly.

They followed the direction of his trembling finger, and saw that the gleaming white paint was streaked and smeared in a dozen different places.

It was clear that Jennings was the culprit, for smudges of wet paint were spread over his knuckles, while smaller globules traced a wavering pattern as far as his wrists.

"Fossilised fish-hooks! What a gruesome mess!" exclaimed Atkinson. "However did you come to do that, Jen?"

"I don't know. I've only just seen it. Anyway, I couldn't help it," Jennings protested. "Darbishire was squashing up against me, and I had to lean on something."

He scratched his nose thoughtfully with his sticky white forefinger while he considered the next move.

## Tins of paint

Robinson kept his decorating materials in the tool-shed; Jennings knew that because only that afternoon he had seen tins of paint, both green and white, stacked just inside the door. One good brushful of white paint should be sufficient to cover the marks he had made. He would do the job at once before . . .

At that moment the dormitory bell sounded, and Jennings realised that he would have to postpone the work of redecoration until later that evening.

"Oh, my goodness! Whatever am I going to do!" he wailed, tugging distractedly at his ankles. "I'm all wet and these beastly frogs' feet won't come off. I can't go flipping into the dormitory in

my flappers—er—flapping into the dorm in my flippers."

There was no time to wrestle with the tightly-fitting frogs' feet; so at Jennings' suggestion, Darbishire slipped into his jacket and shorts, and carried his shoes and the rest of his clothes in his hand.

Then the three boys crept out of the swimming bath and hurried in through the side door which led to the back stairs.

"Oh, this is gruesome! I wish we'd never done it," Darbishire jerked out, through teeth which rattled like a fast-clicking turnstile. "My father says: 'Oh, what a tangled web we weave . . .'"

"Stop moaning, Darbi," Jennings said sharply. "I'm just as badly off as you. Supposing I meet Old Wilkie with ghostly white fingers like the Abominable Snowman?"

"Old Wilkie hasn't got ghostly white fingers," Darbishire pointed out.

"My fingers, you bazooka! If he sees the paint on them, he'll twig in a flash."

## Awkward gloves

"Couldn't you put some gloves on till you've had a chance to scrub up a bit?" queried Atkinson as they passed the cloakroom door. "There's a pair, look, on top of the boot-lockers!"

"But they're boxing gloves!" Jennings protested. "I couldn't get undressed with those things on. I'd never be able to untie my shoe laces." All the same, they would be better than nothing, he reasoned; so he put them on.

The party were in low spirits as they made their way up the back stairs, and most of the blame for their misfortunes was laid at Darbishire's door.

"If you ask me, it's all old Darbi's fault," grumbled Atkinson. "I reckon he ought to do the repainting by himself."

Jennings nodded in agreement. The best plan, surely would be for Darbishire to creep down to the tool-shed, borrow a brush-load of paint, and then slip into the swimming bath while the staff were having supper.

## Darbishire's dilemma

The only objections to this plan came, somewhat naturally, from Darbishire.

"But it'll be dark by then, and I haven't got a torch!" he protested. "I haven't even got my glasses. I shan't be able to see what I'm doing."

"You won't need to see. You can remember where the paint has got to go, can't you?"

"Well, yes, but . . ."

"Paint it from memory, then. Lots of artists paint from memory: quite decent ones, too—Royal Academy chaps, and all that mob," Jennings said persuasively.

Darbishire sighed. He was outnumbered and he knew it.

"Oh, all right!" he muttered with a bad grace. "But why do these gruesome hoo-hahs always have to pick on me to happen to—that's what I want to know!"

When they reached their dormitory they found that Mr. Wilkins was not in the room.

Hastily, Darbishire peeled off his jacket, dabbed his still wet

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## BIRDS IN THE NEWS. AT THE ZOO

By Craven Hill, CN Correspondent at Regent's Park

A START has been made at the Zoo to provide a home for nine pairs of homing budgerigars bought recently from the late Duke of Bedford's executors. The site chosen is the old prairie marmot compound adjoining the Three Island Pond enclosure.

"The installation of the budgerigars' home involves much preliminary work," Mr. John Yealland, curator of birds, told me. "First, the seven-foot high fence lining this enclosure and the two old lime trees in it are to be taken down. Then the countless burrows made by many generations of marmots over the past 30 years will have to be filled in.

"After that, we are putting up a specially designed aviary with holes in the roof, through which the budgerigars can fly in and out, but which can be closed at night when they are all at home.

"The budgerigars, which are at the moment at Whipsnade, will be brought to Regent's Park as soon as the aviary is ready. We shall keep them in their aviary at first. But by the summer we expect we shall be able to let them fly freely about the Gardens."

AN interesting newcomer in the Gardens is a gannet. British coastal birds sent up to the Zoo usually have some disability, such as an oiled plumage, or some physical injury. But there was nothing wrong with this bird.

The gannet was sent by Mr. J. L. Merrekin, of Skegness, who stated that it was found in a field near the seashore. "It was driven down by lapwings, which were mobbing it mercilessly," writes Mr. Merrekin.

Official comment at the Zoo is:

Gannets are much larger birds than lapwings, and it is unusual for one to be attacked in this way. The probability is, however, that the gannet was too near the lapwings' nesting ground.

FROM the monkey house comes news that for the first time in living memory the chirping of sparrows now drowns the chatter of the monkeys!

The birds are becoming a serious problem. Although every effort is made to exclude them, scores slip in along with visitors entering through the swing doors. Attracted by the warmth of the building, they flit up to the rafters to nest.

Keepers have made several attempts to remove the nests, but as fast as they dislodge them, new ones go up.

A NEW arrival to the reptile house is a "killer" snake, a ten-foot black mamba.

The snake had bitten and killed two natives on a plantation near Liwale, in Tanganyika, and was becoming such a menace to human life that the local game warden, Mr. C. J. P. Ionides, an experienced snake-catcher, decided to go after it. He caught the snake by pinning it down with forked sticks. Natives bundled the "killer" reptile into a sack, which was then placed inside a crate.

At the Zoo the snake was left to "unpack" itself. The bag containing it was put into a den, the fastenings being untied by manipulations with an iron rod.

The black mamba is reckoned to be the fastest and most ferocious snake living. Death from its bite occurs within two to seven minutes.

## ACCORDING TO JENNINGS

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chest and shoulders with his face towel, and made a dive for his pyjamas. He was about to tackle the problem of the tight-fitting frogs' feet when he heard Mr. Wilkins returning and jumped into bed without further delay.

The duty master was surprised to find Darbshire had undressed so quickly. . . . Then he saw the jacket and shorts lying in an untidy heap on the floor.

"You haven't put your clothes away, Darbshire. Get out of bed and fold them tidily," he ordered.

Mr. Wilkins jumped, and stared in amazement as the boy reluctantly pushed back the bedclothes. . . . and first one and then another green rubber swimming flipper was revealed against the white background of the sheet.

"I—I—I—What on earth are those, boy?"

"Frogs' feet, sir. You—er—you swim in them, sir."

"Yes, yes, yes. I can see that, you silly little boy. But why in the name of reason do you want to wear the things in bed?"

Darbshire gave a little nervous laugh. "Why, how stupid of me! I must have forgotten to take them off," he said.

"Doh!" Mr. Wilkins closed his eyes, and tottered round in small circles. After revolving twice he opened his eyes . . . and saw Jennings standing by the wash-basins, vainly trying to undo his shirt buttons with hands encased in boxing gloves.

"Of all the trumpery moonshine!" Mr. Wilkins exploded. "What do you think you're playing at, Jennings!"

"I was just going to wash my hands, sir."

"What—with boxing gloves on?" The master's voice rose to a squeak of unbelieving protest. The boys must be out of their minds!

Jennings started to explain. "Well, you see, sir, what happened was—well, actually it's rather a long story, sir."

But Mr. Wilkins' patience was exhausted.

"I've no time for long stories when I'm waiting to call silence," he barked. "Take those absurd contraptions off your hands and feet, both of you! . . . And if you're not in bed when I come back in two minutes from now, I'll—I'll—well, you'd better be in bed in two minutes from now!"

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## SPORTS SHORTS

IN reaching the F.A. Cup Final, to be played at Wembley on Saturday, West Bromwich Albion have equalled the record of nine Final appearances by Newcastle United. "The Throstles," as West Bromwich are called, have won the Cup on three previous occasions; Preston North End, their opponents on Saturday, have twice been winners. They met in the Final of 1888, when the Albion were 2-1 winners.

A TEAM of British cyclists will set off next Sunday from Warsaw on the first lap of the 1250 miles race to Berlin and Prague.

At the recent South African Swimming Championships, 14-year-old Maggie Petzer won three free-style titles—the 220 yards, the 440 yards, and the 880 yards. Maggie is one of the ten swimmers chosen to represent South Africa in the forthcoming Empire Games.

THIS month British speedway riders will compete at international meetings in Czechoslovakia, following the lifting of the ban imposed on "foreign" riders going behind the Iron Curtain several years ago. Czech and Polish riders may also compete in the qualifying rounds of this summer's World Cup competition.

THE Kent County cricketers should start the new season in first-class physical condition. For the past month they have been undergoing daily P.T. exercises at Canterbury under Sergeant-Major O'Leary, a local P.T. instructor.

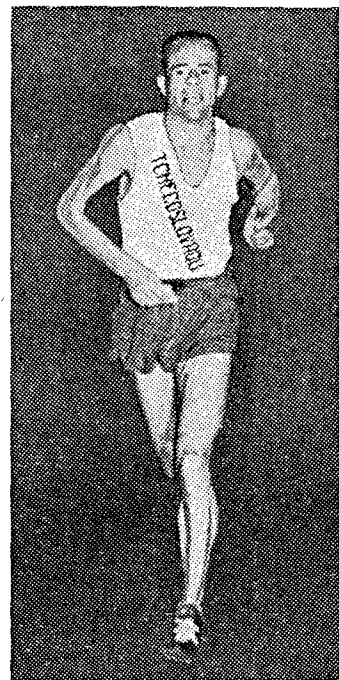
AN interesting Soccer match is to be played at Highbury on Friday evening between "Old England" and "Young England." The former eleven includes some of the greatest players of post-war football now nearing the end of their careers, while the "Young England" members are all stars of the future, several still in their teens.

THIS month the British Rugby League touring team will leave by air for Australia and New Zealand. A nine-week programme of matches in New South Wales and Queensland will include three Test matches to decide the ownership of the Rugby League "Ashes." Of the 52 Rugby League Test Matches played since 1909, Great Britain has won 31, Australia 16, and the remaining five have been drawn.

EILEEN SHERIDAN, who set up 14 road cycling records last year, is determined to gain many more this summer. Already she has shown that she has lost none of her form by putting up a new time (6 hours 28 minutes 7 seconds) for the 129-mile journey from London to Great Yarmouth.

AUSTRALIA will play a Test series in the West Indies from March to June next year. The Australian party will set out on their first-ever visit to the West Indies immediately after the M.C.C. tour Down Under next winter.

RONNIE MOORE and Geoff Mardon, the Wimbledon speedway stars, have arranged to spend next winter in New Zealand—deep-sea diving. They will search wrecks for scrap iron. Ronnie Moore's father, himself a former speedway rider, will join them. He was a deep-sea diver during the war.



Emil Zatopek, the Czech holder of the Olympic 1500, 5000, and 10,000 metres titles, believes in plenty of training—in the evening when necessary.

KEN JONES, the Olympic sprinter and Welsh Rugby three-quarter, has equalled R. M. Owen's Welsh record of 35 caps.

NEXT Monday Northampton's Rugby and Soccer teams will meet at sogger—a game played with a Rugby ball under Soccer rules with 12 on each side.

## STAMP NEWS

A NEW Italian stamp exhorts the public to pay their taxes! It bears the head of Italia, which appears on all Italy's current definitives, and the words of Article 53 of the country's Constitution: All are required to contribute towards the public expenses according to their means.

A SET of three stamps being prepared for issue in Norway will mark the 100th birthday of the first Norwegian railway, the line connecting the sawmills at Eidsvoll with the port at Oslo.

FIVE stamps planned for issue in the Netherlands this week carry a surcharge devoted to various cultural and social causes. The stamps bear portraits of Martinus Nijhoff, poet, Willem Pijper, composer, H. P. Berlage, architect, J. Huizinga, historian, and Vincent van Gogh, painter.

GUARD against road accidents—these are the words and also the theme of the design of a new German stamp. It is the first stamp ever issued in connection with road safety.

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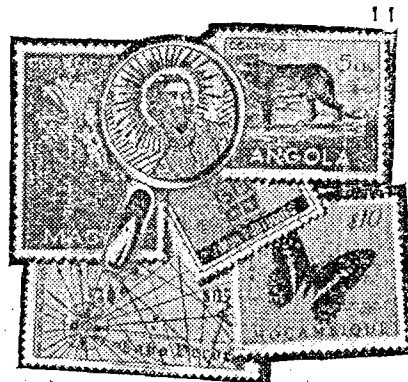
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## Jaffa Funsters—Goodbye

Remember—juicy Jaffas will be on sale again next season! But now the Jaffa Fun Club must close down. King Jaffa hopes that all members have enjoyed the Club, and congratulates the 1,359 who won prizes in the Great Fun Competitions!

### The nine First Prize Winners!

#### COMPETITION 1

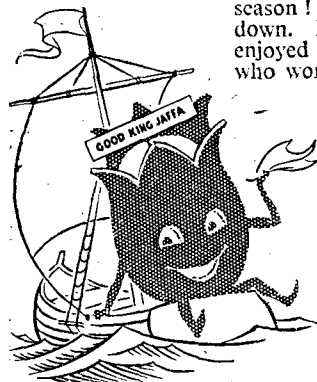
Under 9 years—Margaret Walker, Lymington, Hants; 9-12 years—Martin McMichael, Omagh, Co. Tyrone; 13-16 years—Amanda Tacon, Wilmington, Sussex.

#### COMPETITION 2

Under 9 years—Peter Johnson, Wolverhampton, Staffordshire; 9-12 years—Arthur Sayers, Birmingham 7, Warwickshire; 13-16 years—Beryl E. Jackson, Manchester 14, Lancashire.

#### COMPETITION 3

Under 9 years—John Buffery, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire; 9-12 years—George Mackay, London, E.16; 13-16 years—Christine Hepplestone, Manchester 19, Lancashire.



All these lucky members won bicycles as First Prizes in the Great Fun Competitions! The other 1,350 prizes of cameras and jigsaw puzzles have also

been sent out. On receipt of a 2d. stamp, a complete list of prizewinners is available from: The Jaffa Advert, Dept., Brettenham House, Lancaster Place, London, W.C.2.



## THE BRAN TUB

### THE SLEEPER

ASKED how he had been sleeping lately, the tramp said: "Well, I sleep very well at night and I sleep very well in the morning, but in the afternoon I just toss and turn."

### Hard luck

SAID a startled old man from Turin:

"A ripe peach was propelled at my chin."

It was soft, there's no doubt, But it knocked me right out, For the thing was packed inside a tin."

### THE ALMOND

VERY early in the year the almond flowers blossom out into delicate pinks and whites, brightening the parks, gardens, and suburban streets in which they grow.



A close relative of the peach, the almond tree is a little larger, sometimes growing to 25 feet, and is rather longer lived.

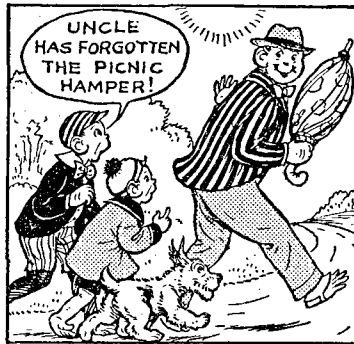
Its fruit resembles the peach at first, but instead of taking on the lovely bloom of the peach it changes from green to a greyish hue, and the outer husk is tough rather than fleshy.

Bitter almond blossom is white, sweet almond pink.

## THE JACKOS HAVE A PICNIC UNHAMPERED BY A HAMPER



Jacko and Baby were delighted at Uncle's suggestion of a picnic.



Their faces dropped when they thought he had forgotten the hamper.



But, strange to say, the end of the story had a happy opening!

### Tell that to the Marines

IN order to express disbelief of a story we sometimes tell the narrator to "Tell that to the Marines."

In its original form the saying was: "Tell that to the Horse Marines."

As, of course, no such force existed, it was a hint that imaginary stories should be reserved for imaginary people.

### Townsmen's puzzle

My first is in Grimsby but not in Goole,

My second's in Plymouth but not in Poole,

My third is in Bradford and also in Bury,

My fourth's in Dublin but not in Kerry.

My fifth is in Carlisle, not in Crewe.

My sixth is in Kensington, also in Kew,

My last is in Tyne but not in Tees; I am a large town, which one, if you please?

Answer next week

### SPOT THE . . .

DORMOUSE as he nibbles daintily at a young bud. He is an attractive little chap, with fluffy, sandy-coloured fur and big bright eyes.



A little larger than the house mouse, it is about three inches long, with a tail of similar length.

During the summer the

dormouse lives in a spherical nest, usually built in a bush or hedge-row. No entrance can be seen for the nest is built in such a way that whenever its occupant enters or leaves, the hole automatically closes behind it.

Dormice are amazingly agile, being able to race up and down bush-stems in squirrel-like fashion. Their food includes berries, seeds, nuts, and the larvae of insects. They are quite harmless.

### What horse . . .

. . . cannot be ridden?

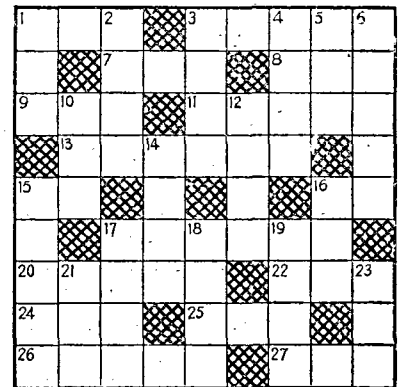
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### Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 It keeps you cool. 3 Not hollow. 7 Deer-like animal. 8 The highest card. 9 The day before. 11 Spill. 13 Perfections. 15 District Attorney. 16 Alternative. 17 Thrashed. 20 Gem. 22 Showed the way. 24 Possess. 25 Purpose. 26 Pours. 27 Boy.

READING DOWN. 1 Charge. 2 Want. 3 Sea bird. 4 Girl. 5 Frozen water. 6 Discourage. 10 Through. 12 Plan. 14 Always. 15 Storehouse. 16 Single. 17 Poison. 18 Alack. 19 Trees. 21 Female sheep. 23 Greyish-brown colour.

Answer next week



### Questionable

"No matter what you are learning," said Uncle, "you should always start at the bottom."

"Oh, but Uncle," protested his nephew, "I'm just learning to swim."

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Readers' riddle	Three-in-one
Treasure Island	M auritiu S
Lorna Doone	A ndre W
Uncle Tom's Cabin	R ochdal E
Little Women	I vanho E
Robinson Crusoe	C ospor T
Who am I?	O utero P
Shakespeare	L egum E
	D ayton A

## BEDTIME CORNER

### He would go adventuring

HIS proper name was Long Tailed Fieldmouse, but he was called L. T. F. for short. And what a lot of scrapes he got into because he would go adventuring!

"Something frightful will happen to you one day!" said his friends.

Of course L. T. F. did not believe them, and planned a further adventure: to live in the village till Spring. So off he went.

In the Manor garden he met cousin Housemouse, who told him a middle-aged lady lived there. "Her maid is short-sighted," he said. "So plenty of cheese and bacon bits get overlooked in the larder. I live in the wainscoting there myself. Why not join me?"

L. T. F. said it sounded grand, but he would rather actually sleep somewhere where he could get indoors easily at night.

"Try the garage," said Housemouse. "It's easy to get under the door. And she

doesn't use the car in winter, so you won't be disturbed."

It was not long before L. T. F. found how to get inside the car from underneath, and he gnawed himself a bed in the back seat. And there he slept happily each day.

Then one April morning, after a midnight feast of late tulip bulbs, he was awakened by a tremendous roaring. A moment later the lady of the Manor drove the car out of the garage and along the country road.

Desperately, L. T. F. raced round the seats trying to get out. "Now the frightful thing really has happened!" he squeaked.

Hearing, and then seeing him, the lady shrieked, stopped the car, flung open the door, and leapt out!

That was enough for L. T. F. Out he bolted into the hedge, and ran down the nearest hole. "Never again will I go adventuring!" he vowed.

JANE THORNICROFT



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To find the answers to these clues link three of the letter-groups below. Write the answers in a list and you will find that their first and last letters spell out a well-known proverb.

As ber dels di Edi et gg ia isk la  
Ma Men nbu No Nu oy Ra rgh  
rr Si sohn ter um ya

Answer next week

### What . . .

. . . is often run down yet never gets tired?

Stalins

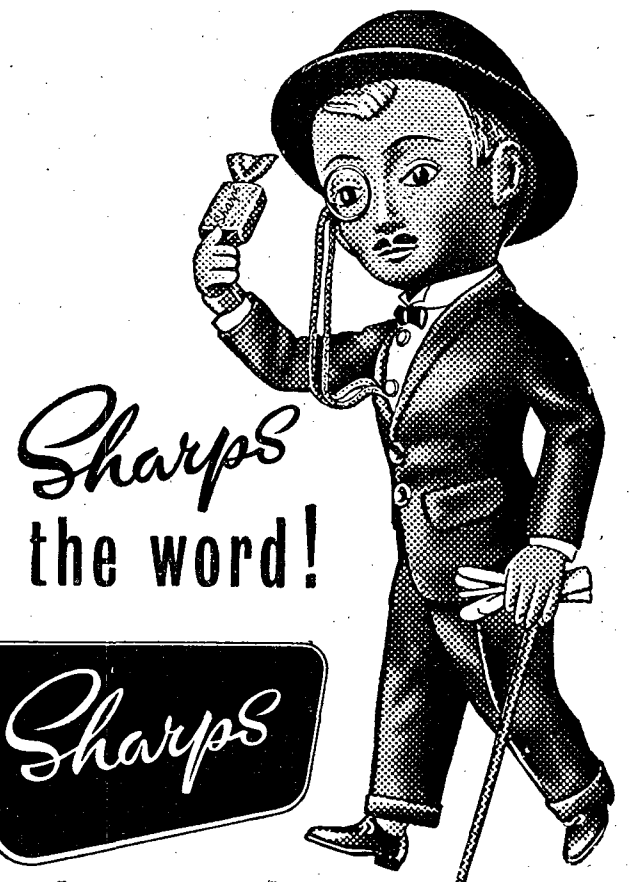
### OTHER WORLDS

IN the evening Venus and Jupiter are in the west and Saturn is



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